

Committee Meetings

POLITICAL BROADCASTING

Conferees, in executive session, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 2424, to amend the Communications Act with respect to equal time for political broadcasting.

WAGES OF U.S. SEAMEN

Conferees, in executive session, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and

House-passed versions of S. 1958, to amend the U.S. Code so as to clarify types of arrestment prohibited with respect to wages of U.S. seamen.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT REFORM LEGISLATION

Conferees continued, in executive session, to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 1555, Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, but did not conclude their work, and will meet again tomorrow.

Friday, August 28, 1959

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued on Lake Michigan water bill, rejecting motion to table.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: 5 bills and 2 resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2613-2617; and S. Res. 180-181.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 3610, to increase grants for the construction of sewage treatment works under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, with supplemental views (S. Rept. 835); and

S. 155, permitting the donation of Government surplus property to libraries which are tax supported or publicly owned and operated, with amendments (S. Rept. 836).

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Printing: S. Res. 179, authorizing the printing of additional copies of S. Rept. 807, entitled "Federal Disaster Relief Manual," was adopted.

Pages 17301-17302

Alaska Coal: Senate adopted conference report on H.R. 6939, to increase the maximum coal-lease acreage in the State of Alaska.

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Authority To Report: Select Committee on Small Business was authorized to file with Secretary of Senate during sine die adjournment of 1st session of 86th Congress a report entitled "Studies of Dual Distribution: The Flat Glass Industry," together with staff report, and a report entitled "Monopoly and Technological Problems in the Scrap Metal Industry."

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Labor-Management Reform: Senator Dirksen submitted S. Res. 180, to instruct Senate conferees in certain particulars in conference with House conferees on S. 1555, Labor-Management and Reporting Act of 1959,

and Senator Kennedy submitted S. Res. 181, to instruct Senate conferees in certain particulars in conference with House conferees on S. 1555. Both of these resolutions were ordered to lie over for 1 day under the rule.

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Lake Michigan Water: Senate continued its consideration of H.R. 1, Lake Michigan water diversion, rejecting by 26 yeas to 41 nays Senator Aiken's motion to table the bill. Senator Case (South Dakota) then moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Foreign Relations with instructions to report it back not later than January 15, 1960. Senator Mansfield moved to table this referral motion, but when a quorum did not develop after a point of no quorum had been made, Senator Mansfield moved that Senate recess until 10 a.m. Saturday, August 29, which motion was adopted by 55 yeas to 2 nays.

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Confirmations: The following nominations were confirmed: James Smith Bush, of Missouri, to be member of Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of Washington, and one judicial nomination.

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Recess: Recessed at 8:28 p.m.

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FOREIGN SERVICE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee, in executive session, ordered favorably reported with an amendment S. 1502, providing a 10 percent increase in annuities of retired Foreign Service officers, and their survivors. The committee also approved an original omnibus bill proposing numerous changes in the administration of the Foreign Service, especially relating to Foreign

Service staff officers and to the Foreign Service retirement system. This new bill combined certain provisions of S. 443, 1243, 2232, 2233, and 1044.

Several bills pertaining to a proposed Foreign Service Academy were postponed for further consideration until early in the next session of Congress, pending receipt of additional information which the committee is requesting from the Department of State.

TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: The Surface Transportation Subcommittee met in executive session to consider several pending bills, but took no final actions, and recessed subject to call.

OBSCENE LITERATURE

Committee on the Judiciary: The Subcommittees on Constitutional Amendments and Juvenile Delinquency held joint hearings on S.J. Res. 116, proposing an amend-

ment to the Constitution relative to the right of the States to enact legislation on questions of decency and morality; S.J. Res. 133, proposing an amendment to the Constitution relating to the right of the Congress and the States to enact legislation with respect to obscene material; and S. 2562, to strengthen the criminal penalties for mailing or transporting obscene matter. Witnesses heard were Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield; Daniel A. Poling, editor of the Christian Herald; Dr. Julius Mark, senior rabbi, New York Temple Emanu-El; Charles H. Keating, Jr., chairman, Citizens for Decent Literature, Inc.; Msgr. George H. Guilfoyle, Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of New York; and Msgr. Thomas A. Donnellan, chancellor of the archdiocese of New York, who presented the views of Francis Cardinal Spellman. A statement was submitted for inclusion in the record for Bishop Fulton J. Sheen.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, August 31, at 12 o'clock noon.

Committee Meetings

RETIRED MILITARY INQUIRY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee for Special Investigations heard testimony relative to inquiry of retired military personnel and possible "conflict of interest" circumstances. Hearings resume on Tuesday, September 1, with Navy witnesses to be heard.

INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs ordered favorably reported to the full committee the following bills:

S. 2219, to authorize appropriations for construction of facilities for the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory;

H.R. 8911, to provide for the presentation by the United States of a statue of Gen. George Washington to the people of Uruguay; and

H.J. Res. 511, to amend the joint resolution providing for membership and participation by the United States in the Inter-American Childrens' Institute, formerly known as the American International Institute for the Protection of Childhood, as amended.

LAOS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Far East and Pacific heard executive testimony from J. Graham Parsons, Assistant Secretary of State for the Far East, with respect to the current situation in Laos. The

subcommittee also ordered favorably reported to the full committee S. 2130, to authorize a payment to the Government of Japan for the use of property in the Bonin Islands.

SNAKE RIVER RECLAMATION, IDAHO

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation continued hearing on S. 281 and H.R. 1235, to construct, operate, and maintain a reregulating reservoir and other works at the Burns Creek site in the upper Snake River Valley, Idaho. Testimony was heard from Representative Thomson of Wyoming; Interior Department and public witnesses.

Joint Committee Meetings

ALASKAN COAL LANDS

Conferees, in executive session, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 6939, providing for the leasing of Alaskan coal lands so as to increase the acreage limitation under the Alaskan Coal-Leasing Act.

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Following today's meeting, Senators Kennedy and Dirksen announced that they would introduce resolutions requesting instructions for the Senate conferees on this bill.